

WASHINGTON, DC- Today, Congressman Jim Costa (D-Fresno) announced that a grant of \$24,750 has been awarded to the City of Mendota to purchase 12 security cameras for critical infrastructure and public areas for safety, as well as a toughbook laptop. These funds are being awarded through the United States Department of Agriculture under the Economic Impact Initiative Grant program.

“I am very happy to hear that Mendota is receiving federal funds to protect their wastewater plant, city hall and Rojas Pierce Park,” said Costa. “The best deterrent we can have to use against theft and vandalism are cameras like these.”

Currently, Mendota has five security cameras at the water treatment plant, but water wells and the water treatment plant have been repeatedly vandalized and copper wire has been stolen. The city is hopeful these new cameras will help deter the thefts and/or catch the criminals at city hall and the park. The laptop will be used by the plant operator to monitor the SCADA system.